

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 as non-elected, please cancel Claims 9 and 12.

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Amended) A recombinant DNA construction comprising an open reading frame placed under the control of a non-native promoter, the open reading frame being SEQ ID NO:3, base pairs 2389 to 2826, as found in *Yersinia pestis* plasmid pPCP1.

11. A host transformed with the DNA construction of claim 10.

12. (Cancelled)